

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in accordance with Rule 113 (Final Action), and Rule 116 (Amendments after Final Action). Applicant has amended Claim 5 to put it in condition for allowance. Applicant requests reconsideration of the application in order to advance the examination of the application.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 U.S.C. § 102

1,2. The Examiner states that Claims 2-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Edumura et al. (U.S. 4,972,060). The Examiner states that Edumura et al. anticipates the structure claimed including a plurality of display portions (12, 14, 15) for displaying cooking information and operating mode information, a plurality of control switches (11, 13) for starting cooking timers for each cooking menu displayed on the display portions, the means (13) for switching and selecting a plurality of cooking information and operating modes which includes the operating names and the state of the operating utensil.

Applicant is amending Claim 5 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the present invention and to put Claim 5 in condition for allowance. Applicant wishes to point out that the left oil vessel display 18, and the right oil vessel

display 18 of the present invention each display not only a cooking menu but also an operating mode on the same display 18 in accordance with switches selecting the cooking menu and switches selecting operating modes 19. The Edumura et al. reference teaches a display having a ten menu display 12 and another separate display 14 for displaying the operating mode.

Therefore, Claim 5 as amended now calls for "A cooking utensil comprising: a plurality of display portions for displaying both cooking information and operating mode information on said same display portions at different times; a plurality of control switches, each of said control switches disposed adjacent to one of said display portions for starting cooking timers set for each cooking menu displayed on said display portions; means for switching said plurality of display portions from displaying said cooking information to displaying said operating mode information, each of said display portions being located adjacent to one of said control switches respectively; and means for selecting an operating mode, said operating mode being displayed in one of said display portions corresponding to and adjacent to one of said control switches, when said control switches are operated in said operating mode."

Applicant believes that Claim 5 as amended more specifically recites the particular display elements of Claim 5

and functional operation controlled by control switches and that such elements are not disclosed or suggested by Edumura et al. Hence, Applicant believes that Claim 5 as amended is not anticipated from Edumura et al. and that Claim 5 is now patentable. Also, because Claims 2-4 are dependent on Claim 5 either directly or indirectly they are likewise patentable.

3. The Examiner states that the previous arguments filed by the Applicant on August 4, 2003 were fully considered but not persuasive, the Examiner points out that the claims recite a plurality of display portions and switches, but no particular display portions and switches are the same. When there is a plurality of display portions and switches any of the display portions and switches can be used to meet the scope of the claims. Applicant has amended Claim 5 as discussed above to be used to meet the scope of the claims. Applicant amended Claim 5 as discussed above to be more definite. Claim 5 (as amended) recites "a plurality of display portions for displaying both cooking information and operating mode information on said same displays at different times, ...and means for switching said plurality of display portions from displaying said cooking information to displaying said operating mode information." Therefore, Applicant believes that Claim 5 as amended is now definite and patentable.

Applicant believes that in accordance with Rule 116, Claims 2-5 (as amended) are now in condition for allowance. Applicant requests that Claim 2-5 as amended be reconsidered by the Examiner. Accordingly it is requested that the foregoing amendment be entered and the case sent to issue.

If there are any questions, we urge the Examiner to call us. Please charge any costs in connection with this document to our Deposit Account No. 16-0875.

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